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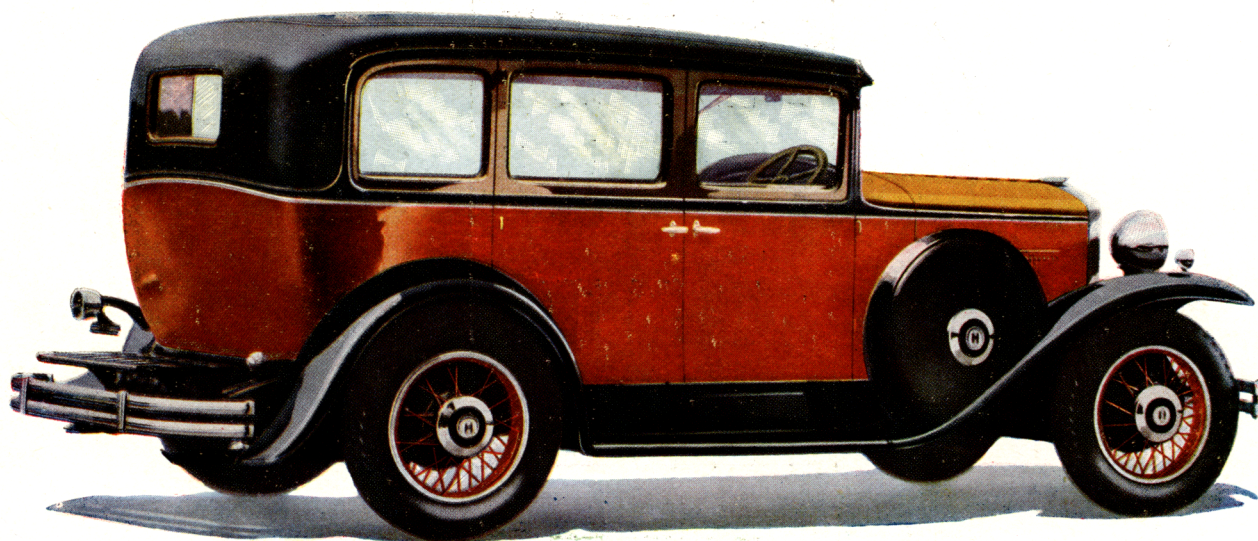
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An Adventurous Easter

(By C. Price Conigrave.)

I suppose some, if not all, of you believe in the idea of a ship having a hoodoo, or, in other words, that a craft usually lives up to the bad reputation of her earlier days. Since an experience that I with others had some years ago in the Northern Territory, I have no personal doubts as to such a thing being a fact. In Darwin we used always to look forward to Easter time, because that meant that we had a clear week's holiday in the very best time of the year—just after the wet—for sport with a rifle, the shot gun or the fishing line. When the Easter to which I refer came near we got together a congenial party of eight sporting men with the idea of proceeding to the Adelaide River, the mouth of which is 60 miles to the east of Darwin. It was decided to make the trip thither in an auxiliary 20-ton craft of the name of the "Bulwarra." A day or two before we were to leave, on Easter Thursday, I met the late skipper Edwards, who will have been well known to those who have lived in Darwin. Said this genial old man: "You fellows are mad, Conigrave, to go in that old thing the 'Bulwarra,' her history is against her." I laughed, and told my pals of this later, but we jointly put the idea down to an old salt's superstition, and carried on. The "Bulwarra" certainly had had rather a hectic career in northern waters. Many years ago she had been owned by the Bradshaw Bros., then on Bradshaw's Run on the Victoria River. When she was at anchor in the river near to the station landing hostile natives swam aboard and murdered Bradshaw and some of his natives. On a later occasion still, the boat caught fire; another time she had grounded badly near to Point Charles, and for a time she looked like a total loss. However, like the proverbial cat, she seemed to have nine lives, for from this disaster she was salvaged, and at the time of which I speak she had been lying in Darwin Harbour for some time apparently as good as ever. Anyway, to make a long story short, during the evening of Thursday, the day before Good Friday, we dropped down Darwin Harbour, and everything seemed set for a fine holiday. There was abundance to eat, down below there was a capacious ice chest with sundry bottles therein; there was a regular armoury aboard, including .303 rifles, and guns, and all the rest of it. It was a perfect night when we cleared the harbour and fetched away to the north-east. I took first spell at the wheel, and I still remember that, under a beautiful moon, as we proceeded on our way there was not the slightest indication that we were running our heads into adventure. At daybreak the following morning we were up to the Vernon Islands, a small archipelago that guards the mouth of the Adelaide River, which flows into the capacious Adam Bay, just to the east of which John McDouall Stuart hit the northern coast after his wonderful trip across the continent from distant Adelaide in the year 1862. There is a terrific tide race through the Vernons, the current in places registering seven to eight knots an hour. That being so, it is only possible to proceed on one's way with a favourable tide. After some delay in that regard we made up

to the river mouth, and entered it at about 10 a.m. All day we plugged upstream, it being a wonderful experience for those of the party who had not seen a Northern Territory river before. For 30 miles the water was of the colour of pea soup, owing to the strong tide stirring up the mud of the mangrove-skirted river.

Gigantic jelly-fish made their way through the water, and on either bank we saw the crocodiles in many hundreds. As the steamer swung round each turn of the stream many of these huge saurians made their way by shooting the chute over the mudbanks in order to get to the river. When a crocodile is startled on land he makes straight for the nearest water. Then gradually the mangroves gave way to vegetation made up of bamboos, and palms and ferns, and the water, it was seen, was fresh. Ducks and geese flew over the boat in many thousands, and out over the plains, from a good posy at the masthead, we were able to see the water buffaloes feeding their way across the rich, luscious plains which flank the Adelaide River for mile after mile. Late in the afternoon we anchored at a point some 60 miles upstream, and some of us went ashore on a shooting expedition round some huge lagoons. We came back to the boat with the natives carrying all the game we wanted. The evening tea over, we fellows sat and lay about the deck yarning and smoking in the way that fellows do, and then the mosquitoes in untold myriads started to take their toll. No mosquito net is made to beat the Adelaide River mosquitoes—they seemed to get in everywhere. Sleep was out of the question, and at about midnight some bright intellect in the party suggested that we should proceed down stream, and instead of spending the holiday in the river make for Melville Island, where we could have a more comfortable time. Such an idea was carried by a majority vote, and against the better judgment of a few of us we started down stream on a falling tide.

It was a very cloudy night, and the moon rose at about 9 p.m. Most of us turned in, the chap in charge leaving word with the fellow at the wheel to call two to relieve him when we got to the wide part of the river situated about four miles in from the mouth. Through some misunderstanding the amateur steersman misjudged that he was as far down as was actually the case. I woke hearing one of the chaps say: "By Jove, we seem to be going at a terrible rate!" I had just stood up, and was looking straight ahead when the moon, which was just shaking clear of the clouds, caught the surface of the water thirty yards ahead. There was an ominous look as of shallow, angry, swirling water, and the next second the vessel struck stem on, and again and again fairly jumped into the air, and then heeled over to starboard, rail under. Rifles, camp stretchers and a mixture of stuff went overboard, and for a few seconds there was confusion. We had struck the pinnacle rock, which at low tide is almost awash, at the mouth of the Adelaide, which is plumb centre of the fairway in the narrows with a depth

of water round it of about 90 feet. Fortunately a piece of the rock caught the side of the hull and prevented the ship turning turtle into deep water. There was a wild rush of water, and it was hard to hear a voice above the din. On calling the roll we were one man short, but no one had seen Eric Rundle go overboard. There was nothing to do in regard to saving him, as we assumed that when he had gone overboard he had been swept out towards the open sea, as it was absolutely impossible to swim against the tearing current. "Poor old Eric," said a few; and then to the business of seeing what we could do to save ourselves. A hurried examination was made by clambering over the side of the launch and standing on the rock itself. We found a huge hole in the bow, and all haste was made to fill this with blankets, canvas, clothes—anything and everything that would fill up the cavity. Then boards were nailed across outside and inside, and in the middle of this operation we were startled to find that the tide was rising again.

When the boat had struck it was just about dead low tide, and as we only have fifteen minutes' slack water in Northern Australia, whilst the surface of the water would indicate that the tide was still running out, the ominous rise of the river showed all too eloquently that the flowing tide was again on the make.

But we were to have yet another terrific fright. Whilst the repairs were being quickly made to the bow the engine-room had been forgotten; but strange things had been happening there. When the boat heeled over about a foot of water had got into the engine-room, where, by the way, a lighted hurricane lamp was hanging. Also in the engine-room was a large biscuit tin full of carbide for the use of some deck lamps. The water had got to the tin; a mighty volume of gas had generated, and whilst all hands were going for their lives mending the patch in the bow there was suddenly a terrific bang and a flash, and one fellow called out: "My God, there goes the benzine!" on which latter, by the way, the launch engine ran. Had it been the benzine tank, I doubt if you would have ever heard of this experience of ours, for my companions and myself would long years ago have crossed the last river of all.

As being a decent oarsman, I suppose, the party voted me to the dinghy in an endeavour to take a line ashore to the western bank of the river, some three hundred yards away, the idea being that if we could fix that communication we would be able to manhandle the dinghy along the line from ship to shore in the event of the boat failing to keep afloat for long. The idea would have been all right in places where there was not such a terrific run of tide. I struggled in with all my strength, and when just about done, it being then about 3 a.m., I was absolutely startled by hearing Rundle's voice from the darkness ahead: "Come on, Coni, you are close up in now." I didn't know whether it was Rundle's ghost or what, as we had made up our minds an hour before that poor Rundle was out at sea and was no more. We found

afterwards that he had found himself being swept out to the open ocean, but by exerting all his strength he had managed to reach shore right at the river mouth, where there was nothing but a wild tangle of oyster-covered mangroves. By great good fortune Rundle had not lost his glasses, which he was wearing when he went overboard, he being very short-sighted. He was dressed only in pyjamas, he having been fast asleep on a camp stretcher when the ship struck, and he was thrown clean into the water, and, as he afterwards said, with a touch of humour, "I woke up in the water with a start." In the mangroves poor Rundle's feet were soon badly cut by the oyster shells, and so he took his pyjamas off and managed to wrap them round his feet and struggle along up the river bank to the point where sooner or later one or other of the survivors of the wreck would come to shore. I shall never forget the surprised fright I got when I heard Rundle's voice. As I got closer inshore I could see Rundle standing on the top of a low reddish cliff which we had noticed as hours before when we had steamed up the river. I tied the line to a huge tree on the bank, and then threw up to Rundle loaves of bread, tinned meats, two bottle of whisky, and other stuff with which the dinghy had been loaded for me to take ashore with the line. But my labour was in vain, for a few minutes afterwards, owing to the sweep of the tide, the line carried away, and there was nothing for Rundle and me to do but wait events. The dawn showed just then in the heavens on the opposite side of the river, and with slowly strengthening light we could just make out the form of the boat swinging round aimlessly in mid-stream, but there was no chug-chug of the engine. At last there was a kick out of the engine, and then very slowly, bow down, the old maimed Bulwarra started to come inshore. There was a wild scene of excitement when the party re-united, and we knew that no one had been lost through the watches of what to all of us was a most awful night. Further repairs were made to the boat, and after a few hours' delay we decided to make back for Darwin, badly damaged as the ship was. For a time the weather was perfect, but nevertheless all hands had to take turns in pumping without cessation to keep the craft afloat.

By Easter Sunday night we were off Point Emery, outside Port Darwin, having been pounding for hours into a rotten head sea with the ever-present danger of our temporary patch to the bow carrying away. In that case it would have been a case of striking out for the distant shore and taking risks with the wily crocodiles. We were a very sad and sorry outfit as we proceeded up Darwin Harbour, the craft being almost sinking when we finally ran into Francis Bay. Two of the party were taken straight to the hospital, they having been terribly cut about by the razor-like oyster shells; and northerners will bear me out in saying that the wounds caused in that way are perfectly villainous for the trouble and pain they give in healing.

A
AMY JOHNSON

IN AUSTRALIA

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20th June, 1930.

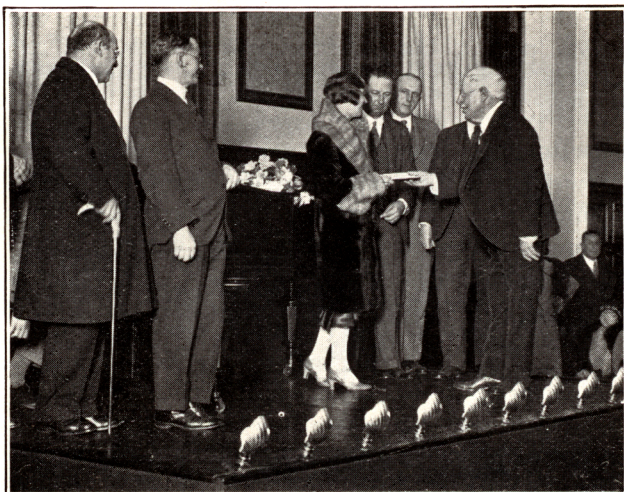
The President,
Tattersall's Club,
155-157 Elizabeth Street,
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Dear Sir,

One of the most wonderful presents I have ever received in my life was the beautiful Diamond Watch presented by your Club, and I would like you to convey to your Members how very sincerely I appreciate their generosity, and particularly the feeling of good-fellowship which prompted the wonderful welcome you extended to me.

Again very many thanks.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Whiddon makes the presentation.

Amy Johnson

Tattersall's Golf Club

The June Outing

Tattersall's Golf Club held its fourth outing at the New South Wales Golf Club, La Perouse, on Wednesday, 25th June. This was more or less an emergency



Mr. Fred. Brown gets out of a nasty lie while Mr. Hutcherson looks on.

fixture, which was arranged by the Committee to take the place of the Ingham Cup fixture which had been set down for Bonnie Doon, and which had to be post-



Mr. W. S. Kay "explodes."

poned owing to the continuous rain. The weather conditions of the morning were so unpromising that only about half the field turned up. Eventually, how-

ever, forty-one starters went to the post, and, as the rain had ceased, they had what was perhaps the most enjoyable outing that the Club has yet held.

The scoring under the circumstances was quite good, and the winner turned up in Mr. R. A. Manzie with a score card of 4 up from the 18 mark. Mr. Manzie accordingly took the trophy for the best card of the day. This had been donated by Mr. George Monte. No less than three players, Messrs. F. V. Richards, L. H. Steger and D. B. Loudon, tied for first place in the A Grade, having "square" cards. As is the usual

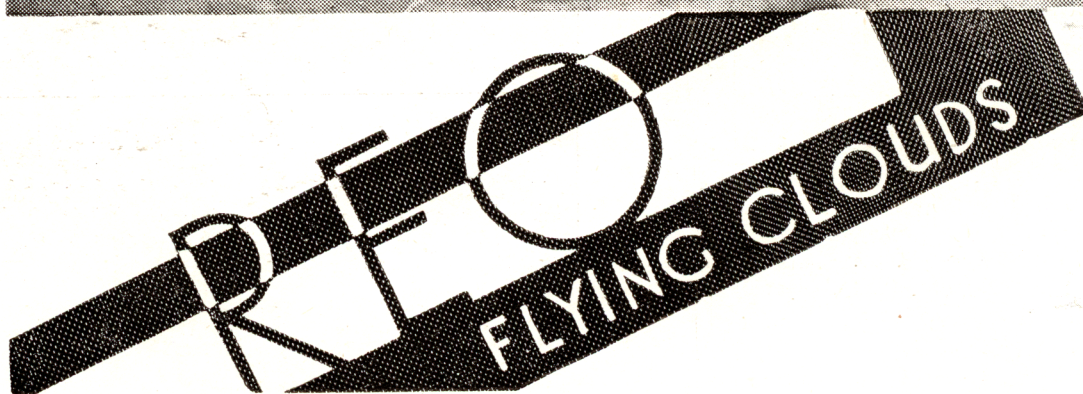
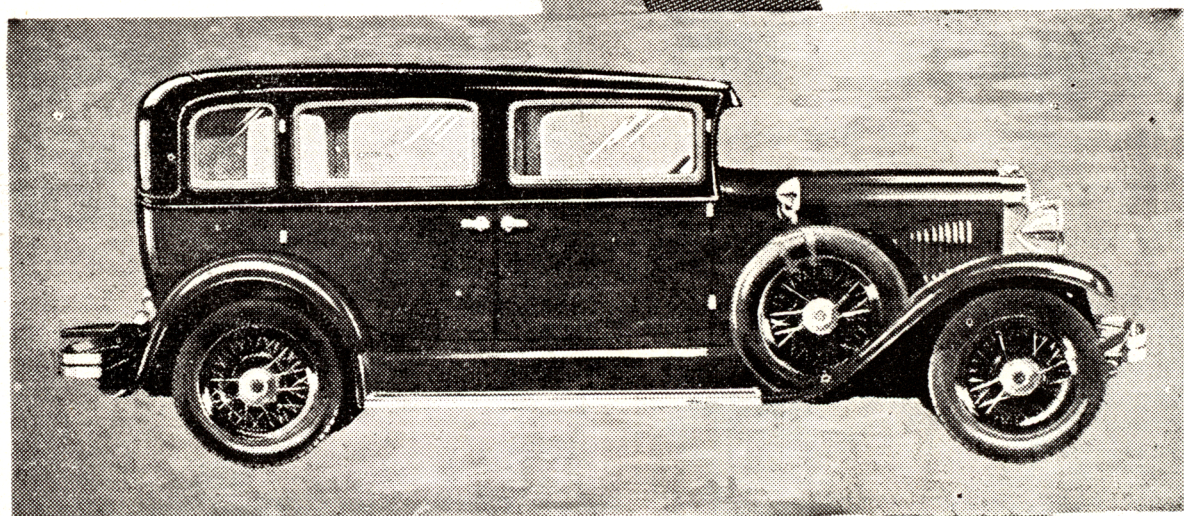
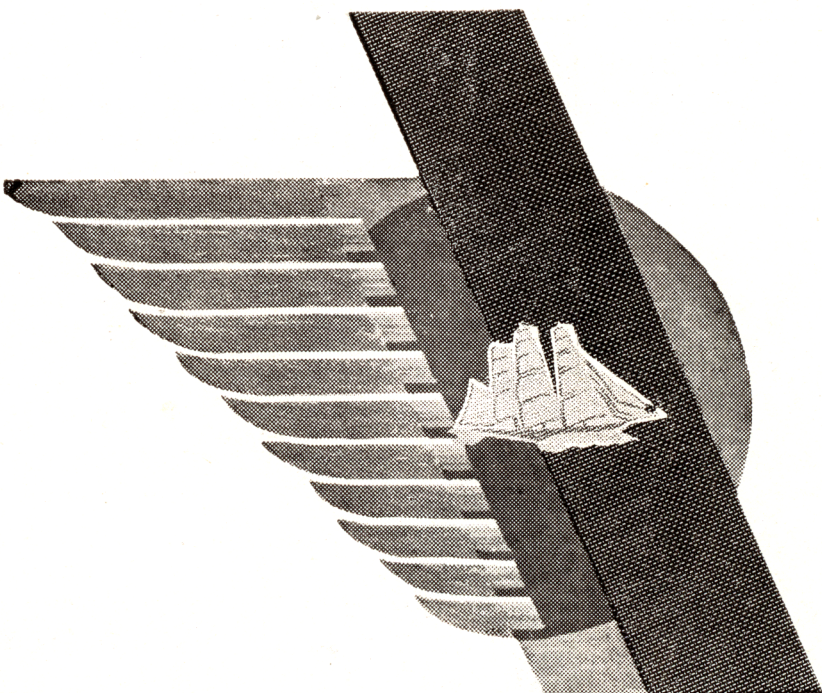


Mr. B. A. Levy studies his style.

custom, the names were put into the hat and Mr. Richards was declared the winner of Mr. Polson's trophy. Mr. N. Stirling, who also had a "square" card, was the winner of the B Grade competition, for which Mr. Pfeiffer had donated the trophy.

At the conclusion of the game the usual little social ceremony took place, when the President, the Hon. T. G. Murray, thanked the New South Wales Club for its generous action in coming to the assistance of the Club once again with the use of their course. He then called upon the members to drink to the health of their hosts, coupled with the name of Mr. Goodwin, the captain, and General Herring, the

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secretary. Mr. Goodwin responded in a happy strain, and made it quite clear that the members of Tattersall's Golf Club would always be welcome at La Perouse.

Mr. Murray then presented the trophies to the winners, who all responded. Mr. J. R. Lee was then called upon by our President to propose the toast of the donors of trophies, and this he did in his customary brilliant manner.



Mr. Plasto at the finish of a full swing.

The result of the competition at the N.S.W. Golf Club links, La Perouse, on June 25th, was as under:—

R. A. Manzie (18) 4 up, F. V. Richards (8) square; N. Stirling (18) square; L. H. Steger (7) square; D. B. Loudon (6) square; W. McDonald 1 down; E. L. Betts (5) 1 down; B. Clancy (15) 2 down; W. S. Furlong (9) 2 down; E. F. Cox (11) 3 down; W. S. Kay (6) 3 down; R. Plasto (5) 3 down; L. Giddings (3) 4 down; G. M. Glynn (3) 5 down; J. B. Dowling (5) 5 down; S. W. Griffith (9) 6 down; B. L. Thomson (8) 6 down; C. A. Hutcherson (15) 6 down; F. Pfeiffer (6) 6 down; F. Brown (15) 7 down; H. H. Hutcherson (15) 7 down; G. J. Watson (8) 8 down; T. A. Richards (18) 9 down; J. McPherson (18) 9 down; B. Light (10) 9 down; P. Ewington (7) 12 down; E. K. White (1) 13 down.

Amongst the players who did not hand in cards were:—C. E. Young, S. Baker, T. G. Murray, W. C. Goodwin, F. C. Barnett, J. R. Lee, M. K. Keogh, E. A. Nettlefold, S. E. Chatterton, E. W. Forsyth, A. J. Matthews, M. Polson, W. E. Forsyth.

It is not generally known that Mr. J. M. Bruce,

father of the previous Prime Minister of the Australian Commonwealth, introduced golf to Australia. In the early 'eighties Mr. Bruce returned from England with a quantity of golf sticks and balls. Nobody in the Customs Department knew how to classify the odd materials, but eventually the items were admitted as toys! Surely an odd and humorous beginning for a game that has since spread so far.

The Ingham Cup

The competition for the A. C. Ingham Cup, which had been arranged to take place at Bonnie Doon and which had to be postponed owing to bad weather, is to take place at Bonnie Doon on Wednesday next, the 9th instant. The first pair will hit off at noon.

In addition to the Ingham Cup, to be awarded to the player who returns the best card of the day, two trophies have been donated, and will be allocated as follows:—



The A. C. Ingham Cup, presented by Mr. A. C. Ingham, (ex-Chairman of Tattersall's Club), for competition among golf club members. This cup was made by W. Kerr & Co.

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(b) Mr. J. A. Roles' Trophy for the best card amongst players whose handicap exceeds 12 strokes.

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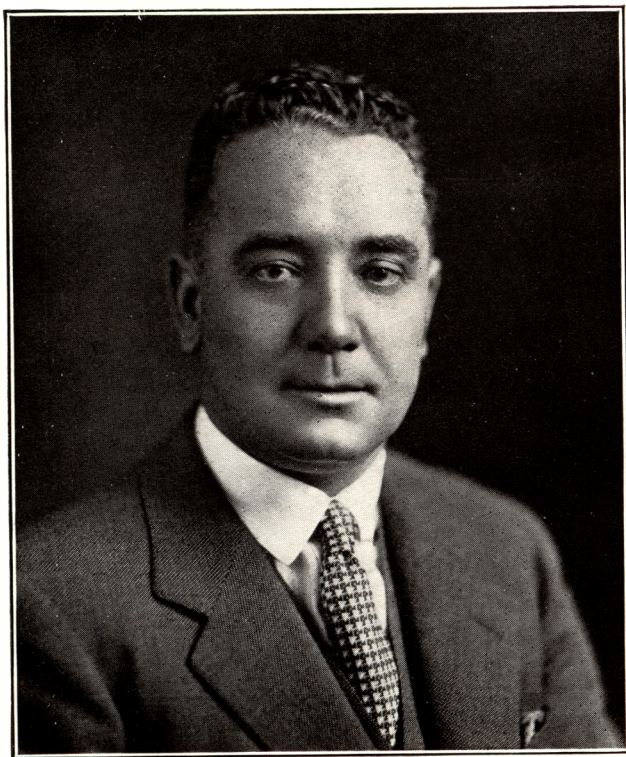
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Club News and Notes

Complimentary Dinner to Mr. A. C. Ingham

One of the most enjoyable private functions held in the Club took place on the evening of the 3rd June, when Mr. H. C. Bartley presided over a large gathering of members, assembled to tender a complimentary dinner to the late chairman (Mr. A. C. Ingham).

The desire to pay tribute to that gentleman's great services was shown by the fact that the dining room was filled with members, and many apologies for unavoidable absence were received.



Mr. A. C. Ingham.

Having commenced with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the Club room, the gathering adjourned to the dining room and partook of a most excellent dinner, which was a credit to the Club's service. During the meal, musical items were generously and gratuitously provided by various artists.

The toast "His Majesty the King," proposed by the chairman, having been duly honoured, to the Honourable W. A. Holman, K.C., was entrusted the pleasing duty of proposing the health of "Our Guest." Those who were fortunate enough to hear him will long remember the eloquent speech in which the good qualities of Mr. Ingham as a man, as a sportsman, and as an administrator in public life and in the Club were extolled.

Mr. Holman was seconded in happy vein by Mr. C. E. Hall, who, speaking on behalf of the bookmaking members of the Club, endorsed all that had been said by the proposer. Mr. H. T. Matthews supported the toast.

The chairman then asked Mr. Ingham to accept a gift for himself, and another for Mrs. Ingham, as mementoes of the occasion from those present.

On rising to respond, Mr. Ingham received a tumultuous reception. Though obviously moved by the warmth of the demonstration, he graciously thanked the speakers for their remarks, and the assembly for the manner in which they had received the toast. He went on to say that so long as he remained a member of the Club, its interests would always be dear to his heart. He thanked them, too, on behalf of his wife and himself for the handsome presentations.

The toast of "The Chairman" brought the happy evening to a close.

The arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr. R. W. Laycock, as honorary secretary of a small committee.

Successful Dinner and Dance

Club members who attended the Dinner and Dance on Saturday night, June the 28th, are unanimous in the opinion that it was the most successful and appreciated function of the kind which the Club has been associated with. Undoubted credit must be given to the committee for organising an evening's entertainment which, for its social atmosphere, its genuine expression of enjoyment, and its dignified joviality, has set a standard for emulation to which all such future events will be organised to attain.

The dinner, which preceded the dance, was held in Dining-room, and there was a company of about 200 Club members with their wives, daughters, or friends present. The Chairman, Mr. Whiddon, was at the head of the table, and there were present the members of the Committee, all of whom entertained a number of guests. The tables were decorated with handsome floral tributes, and the Committee presented to each lady a handsome silken case containing a mirror and comb. These cases were inscribed with the compliments of the Committee of Tattersall's Club, and as gifts were very deeply appreciated by the recipients.

Whilst dinner was being served the Maggie Foster instrumental trio discoursed bright and appropriate music. The three members of the orchestra were young ladies whose standard of musical attainment was singularly high, and, entering into the spirit of the function they, as the dinner progressed, broke into all the old favourites of twenty years ago. It was not long before every guest was joining in chorus singing of a most spontaneous kind, but never once was the singing allowed to be anything else but within proper bounds and dignity. For the jovial success of the dinner the trio deserved a great deal of praise, and the Club was singularly thoughtful to be able to secure their services.

After dinner the guests assembled in the room which had been prepared for the night's dancing. The orchestra, which was in charge of Miss Jean Kennelly,

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HONOUR ROLL

Of members who have proposed or seconded one or more new members.

An asterisk is placed opposite the name of a member to denote each additional new member proposed or seconded by him.

Alderson, R. H.*	Dovey, W. R.	Ingham, A. C.	Ogilvy, D. P.
Alldritt, F. R.	Dowling, J.	Johnson, H. F.	Paton, J. A.
Armstrong, Dr. E.	Dowling, J. B.	Kearns, D.	Pratten, G.**
Armstrong, W. V.	Eldridge, P. H.	Kelly, R. T.**	Richards, B. H.
Ashcroft, C. A.	Emanuel, F. C.	Lawrence, S.	Ring, G. B.
Barnes, J.**	Farrar, Hon. E. H.*	LePage, F. H.	Rogers, A.
Bartley, H. C.	Garlick, J.	LePlastrier, J. S.	Row, F. L.*
Bevan, G. F.	Garner, M.	Levy, P. B.*	Samuels, M.
Bingle, A. S.	Gledden, Dr. A. M.	Lewis, C. E.	Scott, A. C.
Black, I. H.	Goldberg, N.	Lillis, J. S.	Scott-Fell, J. W.
Black, J. Y.	Goldsmid, E. A.*	Lippman, J.	Scott-Fell, W.
Bloom, L.	Griffin, F. R.	Lloyd, Brig.-Gen. H. W.	Shankland, R. E.*
Bowden, H. R.	Griffith, D. W.	Logan, J.	Shave, L. C. H.
Brown, J.	Griffiths, S.	Logan, W. H.*	Simpson, S. J.*
Brunton, J. S.	Gunning, W. P.	Manton, P. G.	Smith, E. Temple
Buckle, W. W.	Hackett, J. T.	Marks, E. S., M.L.A.	Spurway, F. G.
Burchamp Clamp, J.	Hardie, A. B.	Martin, D. N.	Stirling, N.
Buxton, J. H.	Harris, A. O.	McDonald, H. L.	Symonds, R.
Callen, Dr. A. A.	Hart, H. A.	McDonald, W. A.	Thompson, C. G.
Campbell, C. J.	Hartland, J.	McGill, Q.	Walder, R.
Carroll, D.	Hatfield, R. M.	McLean, A.	Wallis, G. M.
Cathels, R. C.	Hendy, H. J.	Miller, F.	Watson, T.
Chatterton, S. E.	Hill, A. C. W.	Milliken, R. H.	Whiddon, W. H.*
Chew, James	Hinwood, A. W.	Monte, G.	White, H. E.
Chisholm, R. M.*	Hoggan, W. R.	Morrison, J. S.	Whitehouse, A. J.
Cohen, G. J., Junr.	Holden, T. P., M.L.C.	Murrell, M. A.	Wilkinson, J. D.
Coyle, C. P.*	Holman, W. A., K.C.	Nailon, G. P.	Williams, G. S.
Dawson, Dr. A. L.	Horley, C. F.	Nettlefold, E. A.	Williams, H.
Dimond, R. V.	Hughes, H. G.	Norton, Ezra	Wilson, R. H.
Douglas, L. K.*			

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

F. E. Baume, Stephen Brown, Thomas Buckle, J. F. Green, Alexander Laurence, E. A. Laurence, G. S. Luscombe, Benjamin Marks, Dr. Alan F. Oxenham, Hayward Parish, E. J. Thorn.

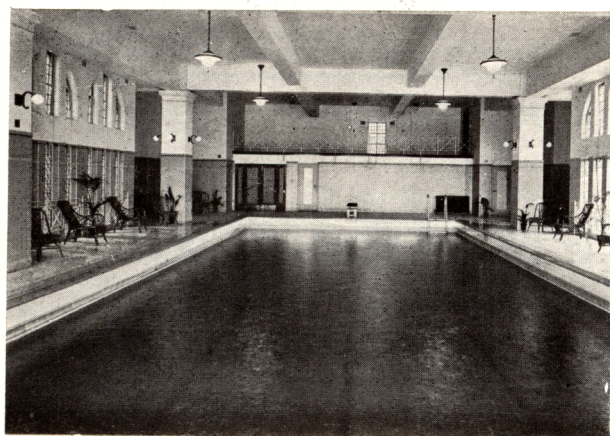
maintained a time and rhythm which could not fail but to make the veriest dance beginner enthusiastic throughout the night. Members of the committee, including the Chairman, Mr. W. H. Whiddon, the Treasurer, Alderman J. M. Dunningham, M.L.A., and Committeemen Messrs. Robert Walder, Frank Underwood, J. H. O'Dea, J. A. Roles, and J. H. Saunders, entertained the guests.

During the evening results of the Test Match were announced by Mr. Dunningham, and the dancing was such a success that although the function was to finish at midnight, the committee decided that it would be maintained until 1 a.m. The announcement of this fact was greeted with cheers from the three or four hundred persons who were present.

Swimming Club

Lovers of keen, sporting rivalry would find a visit to the Pool well worth while on Thursdays, when the Swimming Club conducts its weekly point score races for the cup presented by Messrs. John Dewar & Sons.

Regular patrons of the Pool never miss the thrills of those mighty tussles, and can be heard barracking their champions on to victory.



The Swimming Pool, Tattersall's Club.

The competition is coming to a close, but interest is unabated, and whoever takes the cup this year will find that he will have a tough task ahead next season to keep it, for many envious eyes are being cast at it, and it is certain that there will be some big fields.

Some members have the idea that the races are only for champions and that they would be outclassed, but the handicapper has shown that he can get them all together in a finish, and there is rarely more than a yard or two between first and last man in any race.

Mr. Vic. Armstrong hesitated at the beginning of the season to race as he reckoned that even forty yards was beyond him, but in the last two four-lap tussles

he has finished like a champion and has qualified for the finals.

Mr. W. K. Garnsey signalled his return to the active ranks by taking the first race of the month, over



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40 yards, but he is short of the form that gave him a number of placings early in the season.

One of the most improved members is Mr. K. Hunter, who surfs with the Palm Beach Club. His form



Hans Robertson.

has been remarkably consistent, and though he started late he is right in the "firing line" for the cup.

When it comes to speed, however, all eyes are on Mr. Hans Robertson, whose dashes from seemingly impossible positions in the rear have made him very popular.



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Mr. Robertson is one of the State's best performers, and that he will be hard to beat in the next championships was shown when he twice swam 58 secs. for 100 yards during the month.

Though Mr. A. Richards has only notched two wins he has been in a remarkable number of places, and that, together with the fact that he has not missed a race, has put him at the top of the point score, or very close to it. However, he will be away at Kosciusko for two or three weeks and will have some leeway to make up.

A welcome re-appearance during the month was that of Mr. Ken. Wheeler, who won last year's point score. So far the handicapper has not given him the best of it, but he will be in the winning list very soon.

Mr. Stan Carroll, always a regular pool habitue, was posted amongst the missing for some weeks, but on his return he upset calculations badly. Thinking that he would be out of form the handicapper handed him an extra second or so over 100 yards, so, to celebrate the occasion, Mr. Carroll beat the field easily in swimming four seconds better than the official adjuster reckoned he could do.

Mr. Norman Longworth, one of the famous swimming family from Rose Bay, has been away for some time, but Club members are looking forward to his return for speed contests with Mr. Robertson over two laps. It is difficult to say who is the better man over that distance, though over the longer courses the latter is the star.

It is hoped that Australian ex-champion Mr. W. Longworth will be seen in action next season.

During the month Australia's swimming representatives at the Empire Games in Canada were seen in training swims almost daily.

Under the guidance of Club member Mr. W. Kendall, ex N.Z. sprint champion, Mr. W. Cameron put up some stirring bouts over 100 yards, and on the evening prior to sailing he finished up his preparation by giving Mr. Hans Robertson a second over the five-lap journey, winning in just over 56 seconds—a good effort.

Mr. Noel Ryan did not go against the watch, but had a daily 50 laps in fine style.

Both swimmers were deeply grateful to the Club for the chance of training under conditions that could not be had anywhere else in Sydney.

Good luck to them both in Canada. Club members feel that they have a personal interest in the champions, and will follow their deeds overseas with keen interest.

It has been decided to complete this season's racing for the Dewar Cup on August 21 in order to let the swimmers have a period of rest before the start of the new season in October.

Races for this month will be as follow:—

July 10— 60 yards.

July 17— 80 yards.

July 24—100 yards.

July 31— 40 yards.

During last month the following events took place in competition for the Dewar Cup:—

Forty Yards Handicap—5th June.

W. Garnsey (25)	1
H. J. Robertson (19)	2
S. Carroll (25)	3

Time, 24 4/5 secs.

60 Yards Handicap—12th June.

H. J. Robertson (31)	1
A. Richards (36)	2
V. Armstrong (45)	3

Time, 31 3/5 secs.

40 Yards Handicap.

H. Robertson (31)	1
A. Richards (36)	2
V. Armstrong (45)	3

Time, 31 3/5 secs.

80 Yards Handicap—19th June.

First Heat.

A. Richards (52)	1
K. Hunter (50)	2
S. Carroll (57)	3

Time, 51 3/5 secs.

Second Heat.

H. Robertson (45)	1
V. Armstrong (65)	2
K. Wheeler (52)	3

Time, 45 secs.

Final—24th June.

A. Richards	1
H. Robertson	2
K. Hunter	3

Time, 50 2/5 secs.

100 Yards Handicap—26th June.

First Heat.

H. Robertson (59)	1
A. Richards (67)	2
K. Hunter (68)	3

Time, 58 2/5 secs.

Second Heat.

S. Carroll (75)	1
K. Hunter (65)	2

Time, 71 2/5 secs.

Final, 1st July.

S. Carroll (75)	1
H. Robertson (59)	2
A. Richards (67)	3
K. Hunter (65)	4

Time, 72 3/5 secs.

40 Yards Handicap, 3rd July.

First Heat.

H. Robertson (19)	1
A. Richards (22)	2
S. Carroll (24)	3

Time, 19 secs.

Second Heat.

K. Hunter (22)	1
K. Wheeler (23)	2
J. D. Wilkinson (30)	3

Time, 21 3/5 secs.

Final.

H. Robertson (19)	1
K. Hunter (22)	2



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A. Richards (22) 3
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The point score to the 3rd instant is as follows:—

H. Robertson 49
A. Richards 45
S. Carroll 39
K. Hunter 36
V. Armstrong 27
W. K. Garnsey 21
K. Wheeler 15
W. Longworth 14
J. D. Wilkinson 7

Billiard Tournament

Great interest is being shown in the Billiard and Snooker Tournaments, which commenced on the 7th instant.

The handicappers for the Billiard Tournament are Messrs. F. G. Underwood and J. A. Roles,

HANDICAPS.

"Oral" owes 110, C. E. Young 15; H. J. Robertson, scratch; "Kinniel" receives 10, "Wellwood" 10, H. Emerson 10, S. Carlyle 10, W. Forsyth 25, R. W. Plasto 25, J. S. Lillis 35, M. J. Buchanan 40, R. Price 40, "G.J.W." 45, J. L. Normoyle 50, J. Molloy 50, J. A. Roles 60, J. B. Davis 70, M. P. Davis 75, C. Hardy 75, "Corra Lynn" 75, C. Coles 80, W. Dalley 80, "Nabob" 85, T. E. Ferguson 85, H. England 90, D. Lake 90, N. C. Kyle 90, J. P. Headland 90, M. Faul 90, E. Moss 90, S. E. Thomas 95, J. P. Hannan 95, A. C. Boyle 95, C. E. Hall 95, Essington Moore 100, J. Kelso 100, "Homebush" 100, "J.D.P." 100, H. G. Hall 100, W. R. Dovey 110, T. C. Lawson 110, "Pocket" 120, P. Nolan 135, J. Logan 140, "Macley" 150.

DRAW FOR PRELIMINARY ROUND.

Essington Moore rec. 100 v. S. E. Thomas rec. 95; T. E. Ferguson 85 v. "Macley" 150; M. J. Buchanan 40 v. "Corra Lynn" 75; C. Coles 80 v. J. B. Davis 70; W. R. Dovey 110 v. "Nabob" 85; T. C. Lawson 110 v. J. P. Hannan 95; R. Price 40 v. S. Carlyle 10; M. Faul 90 v. C. Hardy 75; W. Forsyth 25 v. H. G. Hall 100; J. A. Roles 60 v. "Kinniel" 10; E. Moss 90 v. H. J. Robertson scratch.

Byes: "Oral," H. Emerson, R. W. Plasto, J. S. Lillis, "G.J.W.", J. L. Normoyle, J. Molloy, H. England, D. Lake, N. C. Kyle, J. P. Headland, A. C. Boyle, C. E. Hall, J. Kelso, "Homebush," "J.D.P.", "Pocket," P. Nolan, J. Logan, W. Dalley, C. E. Young.

Snooker Tournament

HANDICAPS.

"Oral" scratch; H. J. Robertson receives 4, "Wellwood" 4, C. E. Young 4, L. Tasker 10, S. Carlyle 10, S. S. Crick 11, R. S. Mutton 11, "Kinniel" 14, J. A. Portus 14, J. L. Normoyle 15, R. W. Plasto 16, M. P. Davis 18, D. Lake 18, "G.J.W." 18, T. Eldred 18, A. C. Ashton 18, K. Richards 18, L. Howarth 18, R. Price 20, A. C. Boyle 20, R. G. Clapp 20, J. A. Roles

20, J. H. Abbs 20, "Nabob" 22, E. N. Welch 22, S. E. Chatterton 22, J. B. Davis 24, J. Kelso 25, R. H. K. Wood 25, C. Coles 25, M. Faul 25, H. England 25, "J.D.P." 26, N. C. Kyle 28, L. R. Harrison 30, T. E. Ferguson 30, Essington Moore 30, "Homebush" 30, P. J. Gapper 32, A. Dobson 35, "Pocket" 40, W. R. Dovey 40, R. Longworth 42, "Macley" 50.

DRAW FOR PRELIMINARY ROUND.

E. Welch rec. 22 v. R. S. Mutton rec. 11; "Nabob" 22 v. J. L. Normoyle 15; A. C. Ashton 18 v. R. Price 20; R. C. Longworth 42 v. R. G. Clapp 20; R. H. K. Wood 25 v. M. Faul 25; "Pocket" 40 v. J. A. Roles 20; J. A. Portus 14 v. S. S. Crick 11; J. H. Abbs 20 v. "G.J.W." 18; A. C. Boyle 20 v. "Macley" 50; N. C. Kyle 28 v. H. J. Robertson 4; C. E. Young 4 v. D. Lake 18; "Homebush" 30 v. L. Tasker 10.

Byes: "Oral," R. W. Plasto, T. Eldred, K. Richards, L. Howarth, "Wellwood," S. E. Chatterton, J. B. Davis, J. Kelso, C. Coles, H. England, "J.D.P.", L. R. Harrison, T. E. Ferguson, Essington Moore, P. J. Gapper, A. Dobson, W. R. Dovey, "Kinniel," M. P. Davis.

Bridge Club

On the evening of the 17th ultimo some games with interesting features took place in the Card Room between teams representing Tattersall's Club and Tattersall's Bridge Club. The scores were as under:—

J. Dowling and S. Jacobs (Tattersall's) v. Board and Stewart (Bridge Club), 110.

H. Cohen and E. Schwarz (Tattersall's) 285 v. Jones and Bell (Bridge Club).

F. Williams and H. Grounds (Tattersall's) v. C. Smithers and Viner (Bridge Club), 195.

D. Alexander and H. Clayton (Tattersall's) 704 v. Donaldson and J. Smithers (Bridge Club).

G. Cheene and A. Marks (Tattersall's) v. Sisock and Harrison (Bridge Club), 1251.

R. Price and W. Dalley (Tattersall's) 926 v. McAdam and Moss (Bridge Club).

Totals: Tattersall's, 1,915; Bridge Club, 1,556.

Tattersall's Club team, therefore, won by 359 points.

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A very successful Bridge Evening was held in the Card Room on June 10th, when some thirty-seven players, which included the Chairman, Mr. Whiddon, attended. Those present voted it a highly enjoyable function. The first prize was won by Miss Bohrsman and Mr. C. Smithers with a score of 1,963, whilst Mrs. Davis and Mr. V. Burleigh were the close runners-up with a card giving 1,954.

Tattersall's Bowling Club

Owing to the exceptionally wet weather that prevailed practically throughout the past month the Bowling Club held no outings, but it is hoped during this month that, with better weather, a few matches will eventuate. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. D. Clarke, will be glad to hear from any Club members who are desirous of joining the Bowling Club.

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Personal Club Notes

Club members Messrs. E. K. Knight and Frank Hill left by the Dutch liner "Nieuw Holland" for a trip to Java, Singapore, and the Malay Peninsula generally. They hope to return in time for the A.J.C. Spring Meeting.

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Tattersall's members E. J. Watt and W. Kelso shared a win at Rosehill recently; the judge was unable to detect any disparity between Celtic and Gleaner at the conclusion of the Three-years-old Handicap. Both were "fours" in the betting, and the race was a match between the pair.

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Tattersall's member Mr. E. Moss has yet to land an A.J.C. Derby. His candidate Veilmond recently returned from the country to be prepared for that coveted event. In seven starts in the Autumn, Veilmond was never later than second. With expected improvement under the eye of trainer G. Price he should be worth fastening a discerning eye on for the big A.J.C. classic.

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Mr. H. H. Yeend, the enthusiastic angling member of the Club, left for Queensland last month. From Townsville he has gone with a party to Dunk Island, which was for so many years the home of "The Beachcomber," the late Mr. E. J. Banfield. From Dunk Island it is the intention of the party to visit other parts of the Great Barrier Reef, where they expect to have some phenomenal sport. Mr. Yeend is returning to Sydney next month.

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Magnetic started in the Flying Welter at Rosehill recently with lots of friends, the owner, our Club member, Mr. S. R. Lamond, considering that he had a good chance, and said so. A furlong from the finish Magnetic gathered pace and passed the judge well in advance.

Obituaries

Mr. Daniel J. O'Brien.

News of the death on the 18th ultimo of our Club member, Mr. Daniel Joseph O'Brien, when en route to England, was received with much regret. The late gentleman had been associated with the Club since October, 1927. A native of this city, where he was born in 1872, Mr. O'Brien was for a long number of years well and favourably known as the managing director of the frozen meat exporting firm of O'Brien Bros. Ltd., but he retired from active business about ten years ago. He took keen interest in local government matters, and for a long time was an alderman and for nine years filled the Mayoral chair of Kogarah. Since his retirement from business our late member travelled rather extensively, having visited Europe on several occasions, and also many Eastern countries.

He was always a keen sportsman, and was a member of the Australian Jockey Club and the Royal Automobile Club. In earlier days he was well known as a racehorse owner. Another form of sport that claimed his close attention was ice skating, and he was a particularly well-known figure at the Glaciarium. Mr. O'Brien was unmarried.

Mr. Herbert Garratt.

A gentleman, whose death on the 19th ultimo, at the ripe age of 70 years will be regretted by all who knew him, was Mr. Herbert Garratt, who had been a member of the Club for the past 40 years.

Our late member combined business and sport, and was successful at both. His discerning eye was one of the first to detect the prospects that lay ahead of the motor industry, and, as founder of Garratt's, Ltd., he was one of the pioneers therein. His sporting activities embraced most of its branches; not only was he a spectator, but an active and skilful participant. He founded the Ascot Racing Club, and for years was chairman of the management board. He was also an A.J.C. member, one of the "originals" of the Automobile Club, and of the N.S.W. Gun Club. He was champion pigeon shot of his time—a sport that requires nerve and steadiness in superlative degree. During a trip to England he took the London and the Hurlingham Gun Club Cups from the best English and Continental shots.

Mr. Jas. Henry Kelly.

Mr. Jas. Henry Kelly, who had been a member of the Club for the past ten years, passed away on May 11th to the regret of a very large number of Club members and other friends. Following a Requiem Mass, held at St. Brigid's Church, Coogee, Mr. Kelly's remains were interred in the Waverley Cemetery.

Mr. Frank F. White.

Keen regret was expressed at the untimely death of Mr. Frank F. White, pastoralist, of Farleigh, Armidale, whose death took place on the 15th ultimo. Mr. White was well known in the Armidale District, and when in the city was often to be seen at the Club, of which he became a member four years ago.

Mr. Jas. Reedy.

The death of Mr. Jas. Reedy, who for a long number of years had been an officer of the Bank of Australasia Ltd., took place on the 28th ultimo. Mr. Reedy had been manager of the Wentworth Avenue Branch of the Bank of Australasia, in which capacity his good qualities were well known to a large circle of business people. Our late member had been associated with the Club since February, 1928, and had made himself very popular among members.

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The Laws of Coursing were arranged in the reign of Queen Elizabeth by the Duke of Norfolk, and were sanctioned by the acquiescence of the nobility, gentry, and sporting world, who then followed the diversion, and have since been considered and fixed criterion for the decision of all bets, by which they are regulated and determined to the present day. The person appointed to let loose the greyhounds was to receive into his flips (or thongs) those matched to run against each other so soon as he came into the field; and then to follow next the hare-finder, or him who was to start the hare, until he came to the form; and no horse or foot men were to go before, or on either side, but directly behind, for the space of about forty yards.

The following rules as drawn up by the Duke of Norfolk are nearly the same as those of the present day, viz.:—

Rules.

A hare never to be coursed by more than a brace of greyhounds.

The hare-finder to give the hare three foho's! before he puts her from her form; to give notice to the dogs, that they attend to starting.

The hare to have twelve score yards law before the dogs were loosed unless the small distance from cover would not admit it without danger of immediately losing her.

The dog who gave the first turn, if there was neither cote, flip nor wrench, during the course won.

A cote is when a greyhound goes endways by his fellow, and gives the hare a turn.

A cote serves for two turns, and two trippings or jerkins for a cote; if the hare did not turn quite about, she only wrenched, and two wrenches stand for a turn.

If there were no cotes given between a brace of greyhounds, but that one of them served the other at turning, then he that gave the hare most turns, won; and if one gave as many turns as the other, then he that bore the hare won. If one dog gave the first turn and the other bore the hare, he that bore the hare won.

A go-by, or bearing the hare, was equivalent to two turns.

If neither dog turned the hare, he that led last to the covert won.

If one dog turned the hare, served himself, and turned her again, it was as much as a cote; for a cote was esteemed two turns.

If all the course was equal, the dog that bore the hare won; if the hare was not borne, the course was adjudged dead.

If a dog fell in a course, and yet performed his part, he might challenge the advantage of a turn more than he gave.

If a dog turned the hare, served himself, and gave divers cotes, and yet in the end stood still in the field,

the other dog, if he ran home in the cover, although he gave no turn, was adjudged the winner.

If by accident a dog was rode over in his course, the course was void; and he that did the mischief was to make reparation for the damage.

If a dog gave the first and last turn, and there was no other advantage between them, he that gave the odd turn won.

He that came in first at the death, took up the hare, saved her from being torn, cherished the dogs, and cleansed their mouths from the fleak, was adjudged to have the hare for his trouble.

Those who were appointed judges of the course were to give their decision before they departed from the field.

Exclusive of the county clubs and local societies established for the annual enjoyment of the diversion upon a larger scale, coursing has its devotees, who are as energetic in its defence as its most enraptured advocate can possibly be, for what he calls the inexpressible pleasures of the chase, taken, however, in a more extensive point of view, it is held in nearly an equal estimation with angling, when put in competition with more attracting sports of the field; and seems much better calculated for the amusement of a cynical solitary disciplinarian than a mind open to all the more noble and exhilarating sensations of the chase.

Edward the Third, according to a writer of his time, when he started to make war upon France, was so fond of his greyhounds that he took sixty couples of greyhounds with him.

Charles the First was also a greyhound lover. It is related that a courtier once said to him:—

"I believe sire, you like greyhounds far better than spaniels."

"I confess I do," replied the King bluntly. "They are free from a very common vice, they love their master and never flatter."

"Holinshed," in his description of Ireland, says:—"The greyhounds of King Cranthylinth's dayes was not fetched as far as out of Grecia, but rather bred in Scotland." Cranthylinth was the eighteenth King of Scotland, and reigned in the year 277.

According to William of Malnesbury, "Edward the Confessor took a delight in hounds in pursuit of game; and greyhounds are mentioned as favourite dogs with the sportsmen of the time."

King John was a lover of hunting and of the greyhound; and mention is made in Spencer's poem of the heavy charges in the maintenance of his kennels, special mention being made of greyhounds and wolfhounds.

Edward de Langley, fourth son of Edward III., born in 1341, wrote a treatise called "Master of Game," in which the greyhound is minutely described.

In the reign of Henry VIII. "Jesse" quote from the accounts of the expenditure of the King "Forty shillings for a wager he lost to Lord Rockford over a race of greyhounds at Mote Park; again, a payment to



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"A Treatise on Coursing."

Coursing is a species of sport that a celebrated writer has traced to great antiquity, "it having been treated on by Arrian, who flourished A.D. 124," in his famous work. The famous author, the Rev. Mr. Daniel, in his publication upon "Rural Sports," published in 1813, says:—

"In our country, during the reign of King John, greyhounds were frequently received by him as payment in lieu of money, for the renewal of grants, fines, and forfeitures, belonging to the Crown. The following extracts prove this monarch to have been exceedingly partial to this kind of dog. A fine paid A.D. 1203 mentions five hundred marks, ten horses, and ten leashes of greyhounds. Another, in 1210, one swift running horse and six greyhounds."

"In the days of Elizabeth, when she was not disposed herself to hunt, she was so stationed as to see the coursing of deer with greyhounds. At Cowdrey, in Sussex, the seat of Lord Montecute (now Lady Montague's), A.D. 1591, one day after dinner the Queen saw from a turret 'sixteen bucks, all having fair law, pulled down with greyhounds in a lawn before the house.'"

Taplin in his well-known Sporting Dictionary of 1803, says:—"Coursing was formerly extended to the deer, the fox, and the hare, and much ceremony was observed in park and paddock coursing, with the former ever in the Royal preference. It is, however, now principally confined to the hare (except in the season for fawn killings); is not only universal in most countries, but particularly patronised and promoted in others. Clubs are composed of the most opulent and respectable members for the enjoyment of the sport, who have mostly two (some three) meetings in each season, the first established and principal of which is the 'Swaffham Coursing Society,' instituted in Norfolk by the late Earl of Oxford in the year 1776, which is supported with true personal spirit and sporting energy; the Bradwell and Yillingham meetings, in Essex; the Flixton Wolds, in Yorkshire; and the Ashdown Park meeting, at Lambourn, in Berkshire.

The meetings at Swaffham are held on the second Monday in November, and the first Monday in February, unless prevented by frosts or snow, in which case they are then held the first open Monday in or after November, the first open Monday in February, and not later. The Ashdown Park meeting to be held at the Red Lion, at Lambton, annually, the second Monday in November.

News and Notes

As is well known, recent £2000 Hurdle Race winner Grosvenor is the property of Mr. P. H. Osborne, A.J.C. committeeman and popular Tattersall's Club member. Grosvenor lumped 10.6 as though he appreciated it, and led the field home in new record time of 4 min. 19½ secs. for 2 miles and 3 furlongs of track and

Forthcoming Racing Fixtures

JULY.

Rosehill Racing Club	Saturday, 12th
Moorefield Racing Club	Saturday, 19th
Canterbury Park Racing Club	Saturday, 26th

AUGUST.

Aust. Jockey Club (Warwick Farm),	Saturday, 2nd
Moorefield Racing Club (Bank Holiday),	Mon., 4th
Canterbury Park Racing Club	Saturday, 9th
Rosehill Racing Club	Saturday, 16th
Rosehill Racing Club	Saturday, 23rd
Aust. Jockey Club (Warwick Farm),	Saturday, 30th

SEPTEMBER.

Canterbury Park Racing Club	Saturday, 6th
TATTERSALL'S CLUB	SATURDAY, 13th
Rosehill Racing Club	Saturday, 20th
Hawkesbury Racing Club	Saturday, 27th

OCTOBER.

Australian Jockey Club	Saturday, 4th
Aust. Jockey Club (Eight Hour Day),	Monday, 6th
Australian Jockey Club	Wednesday, 8th
Australian Jockey Club	Saturday, 11th
City Tattersall's Club	Saturday, 18th
Canterbury Park Racing Club	Saturday, 25th
Rosehill Racing Club	Wednesday, 29th

NOVEMBER.

Rosehill Racing Club	Saturday, 1st
Moorefield Racing Club	Saturday, 8th
Australian Jockey Club	Saturday, 15th
Aust. Jockey Club (Warwick Farm),	Saturday, 22nd
Moorefield Racing Club	Saturday, 29th

DECEMBER.

Aust. Jockey Club (Warwick Farm),	Wednesday, 3rd
Aust. Jockey Club (Warwick Farm),	Saturday, 6th
Rosehill Racing Club	Saturday, 13th
Australian Jockey Club	Saturday, 20th
Aust. Jockey Club (Boxing Day)	Friday, 26th
TATTERSALL'S CLUB	SATURDAY, 27th

hurdles. Performance was clean, sure, and safe, and indicates that he will be worth watching for future events of this nature. In the steeple with 10.10 he was out in front nearing home when, getting in too close, he punched a fence and discharged his rider. This alone prevented Mr. Osborne from landing the coveted "double."

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After all it is likely that the barracking of the Australians by Italian spectators at the recent Davis Cup contests was, in fact, the howls of a noisy minority. But their full-blast chorus upset popular Tatts. member Harry Hopman, so that he went down before the onslaughts of De Stefani. Latter kept his opponent waiting 20 minutes after the match was due to start, which was an undeniable breach of tennis etiquette.

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Tipping is at best a murky prophecy. Nevertheless it seems safe to predict that Eulclare will be a very possible winner of sprint events for Mr. F. L. Moore, and Mr. G. T. Sherrieff, of Tattersall's Club. In the recent Rosehill Juvenile Stakes Eulclare carried 9.1 with distinction, finished with great sustainment, and outpaced the assembly. Incidentally, she was bred by another member, trainer W. Booth.

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Race-Track Veterans

(By Allan Brennan.)

Racing has ever been noteworthy for periods when a lengthy run of successes has been achieved by horses of a certain type and age. For some years past a remarkable succession of victories has attended the efforts of aged sprinters and middle-distance horses.

Consider the persistent Gloaming. In years of competition with most of the best this great horse proved himself possessed of every quality that distinguishes a racehorse—pace, weight-carrying ability, and courage in a forced finish. He sprang into prominence in 1918, when he closed on the Chelmsford Stakes and the A.J.C. Derby; in both events superior pace carried him so far ahead that most of the field was still struggling along the straight after the great visitor. Though he thus commenced race winning in the war days, it is only three or four years since Gloaming was retired, with the Australasian record stakes total of £43,100 against his name. His continued brilliance and durability is proved by the fact that six years after his sensational debut at Randwick he recorded a sequence of wins that included the A.J.C. Spring Stakes, Craven Plate, Melbourne Stakes, and Hawkes Bay Cup. In all of these events the "line-up" was composed of the best horses then racing. From memory, his last outing was in New Zealand, when the end of a hotly contested mile saw him ahead of a field that included such a top-of-the-class performer as The Hawk. Gloaming thus retained speed right to the end of his racing career. His durability is the more remarkable when it is considered that it took considerable track-work to fit him for his races. His legs were not unimpeachable, and his trainer occasionally had to go easy with him. His few defeats have been attributed to shortage of preparation, and the fact that he invariably reversed adverse verdicts later in the season lends more than mere colour to the assertion. He retired, a champion still, at the age of ten years.

The Hawk is another substantial and speedy animal that continued to stave off the efforts of more youthful battlers. He retained high-pitch form for years, and even to-day would hurry the best. Few racegoers will forget the shock they received when he beat the 3/1 "on" favourite Beauford in the Hill Stakes at Randwick in 1923. A bad cold robbed him of a golden chance of winning the Epsom shortly afterwards with 9.7 atop. The Hawk was taken to Melbourne the following Autumn and won the St. George Stakes, Futurity, Essendon and C. M. Lloyd Stakes. Next season he annexed a Moorefield Flying, Challenge Stakes, Caulfield Stakes, a second C. M. Lloyd Stakes, while only sheer bad luck robbed him of another Futurity under 10.4—he was beaten by a head after being hemmed in. In 1925 he added his name to that very select band of winners of Randwick All-Aged Stakes. It will be noticed that these victories are all of ancient date. Yet only a few months ago this seasoned racer, now 10 years old, won two races at 1½ miles, a Flying Handicap, and was placed in other races up to 2 miles. These

performances are the more astonishing when the fact is considered that such distances were beyond his longest reach in his best days.

The Hawk, like Rapine and Sassanof, and other enduring geldings, is by that sire of iron horses, Martian.

It is racing history that The Hawk was sold fairly early in his career to Mr. J. M. Cameron for 700 guineas; it was thought that he was not sound enough constitutionally to stand much racing! Had he been of the type that required lengthy and arduous rehearsal for his tasks the belief might have been justified and the racecourse have seen the last of him many years ago. But luckily for his new owner the lightest of preparations sufficed. For instance, when he defeated Manfred at Rosehill the longest distance he had galloped was 3 furlongs.

Coming to the present, we have Amounis. It can be stated with certainty that Amounis, now rising eight, is as good as, if not better than, when he electrified the crowd by bolting with the Epsom of 1926. Probably his most meritorious performance was his recent win of Randwick All-Aged Stakes. This event is one of the sheerest tests of speed that racing affords. The field is invariably small, and the race a battle between recognised flyers at standard weights. The fact that the old horse finished in front of a field that included a four-year-old of the calibre of Nightmarch (Melbourne Cup and Autumn Stakes winner) proved that he had lost none of his youthful fire, and that he must still be regarded as having an odds-on chance for anything he may be entered for. As a revenue source he stands next to Gloaming, and it would be safe betting at very short odds that he will outstrip the great New Zealander at Randwick and Flemington in the Spring. Randwick's speediest mile—1 min, 36¼ sec.—was registered by Amounis in 1926.

Another old battler is Fuji San. A return to old-time form a few months ago provided him with more pace than his youthful opponents in a six-furlong event at Rosehill could reply to. At that the old warrior carried 11.6. His next contest saw him narrowly beaten at a mile under 11.4. That he is no mere freighter was proved by his Doncaster win as a 3-years-old, and his second with 9.9 to Amounis, 8.11, in the 1926 Epsom. Fuji San is also a winner of the All-Aged Stakes—that of 1927. When it is stated that Top Gallant, Valicare and Amounis were working in the same race the hard nature of the contest can easily be imagined. But when it came to racing in the straight Fuji San came from the ruck, and with one long rush landed himself a winner from Top Gallant and Amounis—a great performance. That he is by no means finished was proved as recently as June 14, at the A.J.C. Winter meeting. Top-weighted, as usual (9.9),

he took the Flying Handicap from a gathering that included Vertoy, Luita and Greensea. Latter pair led into the straight, with Fuji San next; at the distance the old horse sprinted, and the race was over. Time, 1 min. 11¼ secs., is only ¾ sec. outside the best Randwick record, and indicates that there was tension on the pace throughout.

Though less prominent, Highland and Donald provide additional examples; indeed, these two appear to have improved with age. Former has won races recently for which, when his legs were younger, he would have been at an outsider's price—and his running would have matched the betting. In the days of his youth old Donald produced nothing nearly so good as his last Summer Cup win under 8.9, and his 9.6 Anniversary Handicap victory.

A study of this long list of successes, achieved by horses well past the generally recognised age of usefulness of the thoroughbred, prompts some questions, and seemingly upsets some venerable theories. Does it suggest a falling-off in the present racehorses? Or does it prove that under certain systems of training a horse may retain his brilliance for years?

As mentioned, The Hawk, Amounis and Fuji San each won an All-Aged Stakes from front-rank line-ups. Which proves their quality. Most of Gloaming's races were over short distances, with, naturally, sprinting preparations. The fact that The Hawk produced his best on light "studies" has already been mentioned. The same statement applies to both Amounis and Fuji San—particularly to the former. Hence their galloping ability was conserved for the savage top-tension struggles of actual racing. The natural deduction is that these old horses of proved ability were thus enabled to face the barrier with their youthful dash unimpaired, and with as good a chance as at any time in their careers of reaching the end of the straight in advance. The lasting success of these lightly trained horses is another argument against vitality-sapping track gallops such as, in all probability, shortened the race-winning career of that remarkable mare Valicare. It is almost unnecessary to state that all of this select band are geldings; the performances of these speedy old animals weakens considerably the oft-repeated claim that the entire has more courage in a hard-driven finish. After their fifth year very few stallions can be induced to supply that energy that spells victory.

It is pleasing to reflect that the horses treated in this article all belongs to owners who, when racing days of the horses are over at last, will reward them with a long, long holiday—and an acre or two of clover to spend it in. None is in danger of being sent "over the sticks." In these contests handicappers are scared of the remnants of their speed, and many an ex-champion on the flat has crashed to his doom—under top weight. In the writer's opinion the racecourse knows no more pathetic spectacle.

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Saturday, September 13th, 1930

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ABOUT TWO MILES.

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ONE MILE AND ONE FURLONG.

THE SPRING HANDICAP.

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ONE MILE AND A QUARTER.

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